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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 6th day, *kaf-dales bekholodesh Mar Kheshvan, Parashas Khayei Sarah, taf-shin-peh*, 5780, the evening of the 5th day, Thursday, 21 November, 2019, webcasting from Israel at its worst.

Yours truly never ceases to wonder at the clash in Israel between Jews being so smart in science and medicine and engineering, and so lost when it comes to running a good political system.

Last night, Gantz failed just like Netanyahu to corral enough partners representing a majority of the seats in the Knesset to form a government, with the stumbling block being the same one man who hates the Jewish religion and wants an Israel -- whose name means Strives with G-d -- having nothing to do with G-d, with the religion of the Jews. For sure, he was born and raised in the G-dless Soviet Union where belief in G-d was to Communists what idol worship is to Jews, Yvet, is his Russian name, like all of us a product of his natal culture.

I suspect that in his Soviet world, he was a proud and even belligerent Jew, proud of the obvious success Jews produced in the Soviet Union, but this ethnic identity had nothing to do with what Jews believe in and their traditional way of life. And because in the 1990s the Jewish Agency was staffed like much of Israel's bureaucracy with Mapai types, social democrats, liberals, who like Reform Jews in America were happy to welcome to Israel gentiles who wanted to come here. That de facto policy was meant to make Israel more of a politically correct, multiculti society, to dilute its Jewish identity, and I feel confident that a significant percentage of Lieberman's voters are, or descended from, the estimated 300,000 gentiles among the 1 million people who came to Israel after the Worker's Paradise collapsed.

But, of course, not one politician here takes note of this. It would be divisive. Lieberman yesterday called Israeli Arabs a fifth column and not for the first time, and this time he likened Haredi Jews to them as anti-Zionists. I cannot decide if this guy is an ignoramus or just stupid. For sure, the Haredim are “anti-Zionist” but not because they have rejected a state before the coming of the Messiah as claimed, but because the Zionists in their eyes are vulgar people. We are in the always wonderful part of the year right now reading again the book of Genesis that begins with a string of sex stories lacking all eroticism. And I see in the circumcision of Avraham and Ishmael and in the text hundreds of men circumcising themselves at the same -- the very thought of such a scene of men doing this to themselves takes one’s breath away. This is the act of the covenant between Avraham and HaShem and it is no accident that G-d chose to do this to the male body as a permanent reminder rather than, say, mark on the back the hand, or in the palm. Why do this to that part of the male body?

Because the beginning of morality is the sex drive under control. And when that goes, society decays, becomes decadent in its sexual behavior, which is exactly what has happened in the West over the last half-century

The Jews are, so far, as a nation, immortal, because they never descended into that decadence, a nation that has survived for thousands of years for its iron-clad rules of sexual engagement; the permitted vs. the taboo. And it is this danger that Haredim recoil from. They are “anti-Zionists” not because they want Jews not to have a state but of a society, a culture of religion-less Jews.

What is so stupid and ignorant in the thuggish Lieberman in his comparison between Haredim and Arabs is the unspoken implication that the Haredim want, like Arabs, Israel to be destroyed, masses of Jews murdered, including Haredim, mass rapes, mutilations, looting, G-d forbid. Their anti-Zionism must not be confused with linking arms with Arabs and wanting to destroy this state.

So, in today’s State of Israel, one man, Yvet Lieberman, has been able to throw a monkey wrench into the wheels of government, and along with him Avichai Mandelblit who late today was reported to be on the verge of indicting the prime minister in the middle of this governmental crisis. What kind of a governing system does Israel have that would allow two idiots like these to have such power over the society? How does this happen? And I remain in despair of ever reading about some political thinker here proposing a new way of doing things.

And I see one root of the problem being the colossal, world-historical mistake of the founding fathers of Israel when they gave citizenship to the Arabs. They it did, of course, with the best of intentions and aspirations to create a modern, enlightened democracy which means equality regardless of race, religion, national origin.

On Tuesday night, Israel’s painfully middle-brow President Rivlin spoke out against the prime minister and others who have spoken out against Arab Knesset members. He met with Netanyahu that evening and at the conclusion said, “Israel is a Jewish and

democratic state and we must ensure equality of rights and respectful and meaningful discourse with all Israelis.”

Earlier in the week, at a rally broadcast on TV, the PM did not hesitate to speak a truth when he said there are Members of Knesset in the Joint List/the Arab Party, who want to destroy the State of Israel and that a government in which they are a part would be an existential threat to the State of Israel.”

Da ika, in Aramaic, the root of the problem here is President Rivlin’s common misuse of the word democracy, when he has mind multi-culturalism, which is the opposite of Jewish life that via its kosher laws and iron-clad observance of the Sabbath, sets this people apart.

Democracy literally means “people power,” meaning the community, and one wants to know, what is the *demos* in Israel? There are Muslims and Christians here besides Jews but the flag of this state is Jewish only. Nothing multiculti about that flag. Nor the national anthem that speaks of a “Jewish soul” yearning for this country.

There is a contradiction, there is an unbridgeable abyss, between Jewishness and a multi-cultural community that in liberal democratic fashion makes no distinction between citizens of different races and religions. Sorry, President Rivlin, but like so many Israelis, you want to have your cake and eat it too. There is a contradiction in calling Israel a “Jewish and a democratic state.”

President Rivlin criticized these kinds of statements that “deepen the already exiting division within the state.”

This is wishful thinking in which the thinker confuses his wish with reality and a serious effort made to achieve some impossible goal.

This is why I say it was Israel’s historic mistake in 1948 in giving the Arabs citizenship, and little good can result from denying the reality that has been created. In a previous election, Bibi on election day publicly called for Jews to vote because the Arabs were voting in unprecedented numbers, after which he was smeared with racism.

Please. This is nonsense. Sober statecraft required him to do that. No good can come from denying the reality that a significant percentage of Arabs with citizenship support the “liberation” in their eyes of Judea and Samaria and defend their brethren there by not publicly condemning the murder of fellow Israeli citizens. Arab politicians have never, to my knowledge, gone passionately public after a terrorist attack in rebuking the homicidal violence of their Arab brethren as a crime against their fellow, Jewish, Israeli citizens.

So now the regulations give the Knesset three weeks to come up with a leader who claims to have 61 seats, and if that does not work, it is back to elections, and in the meantime, as I understand it, paralysis is making life intolerable in Israeli hospitals, meaning, for the sick.

So, it was despicable and not for the first time that Yvet Lieberman's bad-mouthing the Haredim in truth exposed his demented comparison between them and these savage Arabs. This a man obsessed with people who enjoy living religious lives.

Maybe that is it. How he unconsciously envies religious Jews, and like gentle antisemites, jealously hates the object of his envy.

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So, in addition to the *ferstunkene* political system here, tension is rising between Israel and Iran. Some Shiites in Syria on Tuesday morning before dawn fired four rockets at Israel that the Iron Dome system destroyed, and in response, Israel's Air Force blasted the enemy in Damascus, hitting a major facility and killing like two dozen Arabs and Iranians. Israel has publicly made clear it will not respond tit-for-tat; that is, even a low-level attack Tuesday morning will be met with serious violence.

With Iranians probably much encouraged by their successful cruise missile and drone attack on Saudi Arabia in September that destroyed half of its oil industry, to which attack, to my knowledge, the Saudis have never responded because they can't. They have no serious military with any experience.

Iran is feeling its oats and that is likely to be reflected in a rising level of aggression at us, particularly as things worsen in Iran due to the economic sanctions, thank you President Trump. A class pattern is to hate and blame Jews and Israel even more. During the almost month of holidays this fall, Israel deliberately refrained from major operations in order for the people of Israel to enjoy the season. A major flare-up would have been most unwelcome at that time.

But now we are post the Days of Awe and it is back to business; the business of trying to deny a permanent Iranian presence in Syria and doing so by constant destruction.

And it is disconcerting to hear of Secretary of State Pompeo now wanting to quit and run for the Senate, which I think is a bit peculiar. Does he feel he will have more power to do good as a senator instead of Secretary of State? Trump has vowed not to let Iran have atomic bombs; does Pompeo want out of that policy?

Anyway, Iran is our greatest enemy now and has been for decades. It is good to see riots in Iran over the wretched economy thanks to President Trump, but the resistance by the ayatollahs and Revolutionary Guards is and will be unbridled by any sense of restraint and mercy, and humanity. In 2009, you may remember, when there were opposition demonstrations in the streets following the trashing of elections by the mullahs who did not like the results, the armed agencies -- police, army, Revolutionary Guards -- wanted to break up the demonstrations but could not be bothered with using riot control equipment and techniques. In their hearts and minds, the best way to end an anti-government demonstration and disperse the crowd is to shoot dead those in the front line, and watch

the crowd disperse real fast. The Iranians like Arabs are capable of truly satanic cruelty and will be merciless in putting down any rebellion.

What I would like to see in 2020 is a Republic House of Representatives and Senate, with a reelected President Trump, that issues a declaration of war against Iran, which does not automatically mean the launching military operations. What a declaration does is clarify the relationship between the two countries, and along with declaration you list of demands Iran must fulfill for the declaration to be annulled. For example, Iran might be given 24 hours to start dismantling all of its nuclear bomb project works, and if Iran does not, then the US will destroy them and not stop there but continue until the government of ayatollahs is brought down as the governments in Berlin and Tokyo were brought down in May and September 1945 respectively.

With, of course, Israel partnering with the US in military operations.

Iran attacked the US on November 4, 1979, and after a Biblical generation of American paralysis, the time has come to respond in kind and return war for war and cripple today's Islamic Republic aspiring to a Neo-Persian Empire. Iran poses a mortal threat not only to Israel but the US for two reasons; its support that is unique in the world for the State of Israel, when the very existence of Israel, apart from its behavior, is the greatest threat to Islam. And apart from that, the USA is the leading non-Muslim culture in the world, setting the world's cultural agenda when that fact is a challenge and an insult to Islam and its Believers who believe their way of life is the correct way and they have the right to impose Islam on the entire planet and begin doing that by destroying the US which is possible via an EMP strike, G-d forbid.

And in their obsessive hatred of Israel, they are joined by, without a doubt -- without a doubt -- the world community evidenced by the latest Jew-bashing on display in the United Nations Security Council, its highest body. I think the Council once a month discusses Israel and its "victims" under an agenda item labelled "The Situation in the Middle East" or something like that. Every month, the 14 of 15 Security Council members representing the world community (minus lacking the US) have an opportunity to bad-mouth the Jews; sort of like a medieval Disputation, only the Jews being unable to defend themselves, which they could in a Disputation.

The UN Human Rights Council likewise, once a month I think, in the UN's Geneva Headquarters has an opportunity to sneer at and accuse the Jews of crimes against the human rights of the Ancient Palestinians.

For example, yesterday in New York, the Security Council, that is 14 of its 15 members, voted on language virtually identical to all the Democratic candidates and antiJew Jews in J Street concerning the new US policy toward Judea and Samaria. George Soros's front organization Human Rights Watch called the "occupation a war crime" whose head honcho was another, like Soros, antiJew, Kenneth Roth. The UNSC said the new policy endangers the holy -- and I do mean holy -- Two-State solution. The hostility to Israel in the world community is so like thousands of years of Jew-hatred, which hatred was religion-

based, and so in a religious sense, today's antiJews look upon the Two-State Solution as virtually a messianic project, the installation of "peace and justice" in the Holy Land by expelling hundreds of thousands of Jews, destroying their lives and turning over all the communities that they built the Muslims; turning their synagogues into mosques, taking possession of the fine modern roads the Jews built with their money. The world community wants to do to Israel what was done to the *shtetl*/little village of Anatevka at the end of *Fiddler on the Roof*; destroy it. The goyim and the mixed multitude of antiJew Jews alike want to expel the Jewish people from Judea and Samaria as Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden. And they wish for this shamelessly, guiltlessly, and even camouflage their evil scheme as a "solution: to the violence. How nice. The Two-State Solution; what could be simpler? The violence between Israel and its Ancient Palestinian victims is the result of the Jews' illegal war crime of keeping the spoils of war in 1967 instead of handing the spoils over to a nationality never appearing in the documents in the UN before 1970.

Yesterday, the UN Security unanimously minus the US judged "all settlement activity illegal under international law" and as always, what law or laws the Council had in mind were not cited.

The UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Nikolay Mladenov seems to have jetted in especially from Israel -- at UN expense, of course -- to open the meeting and express "regret" at the new US policy announcement and reiterated the Council position in Res. 2334 of December 2016 that described settlements as a "flagrant violation under international law." Not just a violation but a flagrant one, implying the Jews not only violated but insulted the Council and its Olympian judgment that Jews are not allowed to live in Judea and Samaria. Jews are also not allowed to keep the spoils of war like other nations. Unique in history, when attacked, Israel in self-defense may take land away from the attacker but afterwards Israel must give back what it took and give the aggressor another shot at destroying Israel's homes, livelihoods and state the Jews have built, because the existence of this state drives antiJews crazy.

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One day before my time is up, I hope to see the State of Israel formally and publicly withdraw from the United Nations, an organization I know to a degree from the inside that is riddled with what today is called antisemitism. The late, great Jeanne Kirkpatrick, US ambassador to the UN under President Reagan, wrote that she was astonished when taking up her post to discover the antisemitism that was rife throughout the organization. Indeed, the spiritual virus of Jew-hatred is active in so many of the UN's departments and agencies. I want to see Israel mature and understand finally that the UN's animosity to Israel is nothing, and I mean nothing, but the same, age-old hatred of Jews albeit dressed in dignified diplomatic language. It is the same old wine in new bottles.

Take other events last Friday at the UN where the General Assembly's Fourth Committee which bizarrely is a committee whose members represent the entire roster of 193 states, a committee also known as the Special Political and Decolonization Committee, produced eight -- count 'em eight -- resolutions singling out and condemning Israel.

Think of the manhours involved in drafting the language of each of these resolutions; think of the time to convene and vote on them. The time it took to produce drafts to be proofread and passed around for approval and then emailed to all members, and then have them convene and vote on these texts that included condemnation of Israel's "repressive measures against Syrian citizens in the occupied Golan Heights." They included a demand that Israel hand over this Syrian territory held since 1967. And these votes will be repeated in December when the General Assembly plenary formally ratifies these resolutions.

Think of the staff work, of people whose livelihood is drafting and producing these accusations of Jewish evil-doing, work that never ends. Between 1945 and 1989, there were a combined 870 resolutions between the Security Council and General Assembly that I studied, beside scores of others in UNESCO and other UN agencies.

In the 30 years intervening between my research and today, the number of resolutions has probably doubled. And if so, since I discovered in those first 45 years 55,000-plus individual member-state votes against Israel, so there have been since the beginning a potential 100,000 anti-Israel votes in the UN.

This is why Israel for its own self-respect must leave the UN, and for its own self-respect must cease supplying the Gaza Strip with everything the enemies need to sustain themselves to produce and fire off missiles into our homes and make our lives miserable.

One imagines that peace will remain distant until the Jews here stop begging for the love of gentiles and demand the respect we deserve; and refuse any longer to play along with the fantasy of there being a Palestinian people who have a title deed to our Promised Land.

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Okay, Last word. Mandelblit is now supposed to, this evening, throw the book at Bibi in all four cases against him, despite the attempts by Alan Dershowitz, Nathan Lewin and Aviv Bell and Mark Levin to have these charges thrown out, right in the middle of this governmental crisis. This Mandelblit is such a jerk.

Leila tov veshabbat shalom mi Eretz Yisrael.